CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS LANDMARK COMMISSION

Minutes for the regular meeting of March 1, 2022

At 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, a regular meeting of the Landmark Commission was held virtually via WebEx.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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Mark Souther

Mazie Adams Ken Goldberg Tom Veider Jim Edmonson (present until 5:27 p.m.) Margaret Lann

STAFF PRESENT

BreAnna Kirk, Planner I

COUNCIL PRESENT

OTHERS PRESENT

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 21, 2021 JOINT LANDMARK COMMISSION AND ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

Approved as submitted. Mr. Goldberg abstained as he was not present at the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 4, 2022 LANDMARK COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes were approved with corrected text per request of Mr. Goldberg.

STAFF REPORT

Misc.

Current legislation allowed the Landmark Commission to meet virtually until April 1st, but that might be extended.

Landmark Ordinance and Procedures

Ms. Kirk prepared a CLG Grant Application to secure funding to revise the ordinance. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) reviewed the draft and felt it did not meet a funding priority, meaning it would require a 40% match instead of a 0% match as originally thought. There is not enough in the budget this year for a 40% match.

Landmark Properties

Two Architectural Board of Review (ABR) applications were received for Landmark properties—Beaumont School athletic field renovations and Church of the Saviour cellular antennas. There will be a joint meeting on March $15^{\rm th}$.

Ms. Kirk has plaques that Landmark property owners can request and place on their building. She wondered where/if they should be placed on the Bradford Cinder Path. Commissioners felt that two freestanding signs, one at each entrance, would be preferred.

National Register of Historic Places

To order a double-sided sign for Stadium Square, there has to be a slightly smaller post to accommodate different mounting hardware. They do not make a decorative base to fit the smaller pole. The Commission said that a double-sided sign is more important than matching the decorative base.

Development Updates

Start Right Community Development Corporation is coming to ABR with additional infill housing applications.

City staff had an initial kick-off meeting with the Liberty Amato development team for infill housing. They will conduct community meetings prior to any applications.

The Cedar-Lee-Meadowbrook project was granted the necessary zoning variances by the Board of Zoning Appeals and received approval from the Planning Commission. They took Landmark's comment about honoring the historic street pattern of Cedarbrook and requested that the privacy gate/fence between the southern and of the Cedar-Lee building and the parking garage is removed to allow for east-west public access and connectivity. The last approval required is the Architectural Board of Review and they are on the agenda for tonight.

The Boulevard Neighbors neighborhood group will hold community meetings regarding Park Synagogue at end of April/early May.

OLD BUSINESS

<u>Landmark Ordinance and Procedures</u>
No updates.

Potential Landmarks

Ms. Lann lined up stained glass expert Peter Billington of Whitney Stained Glass to visit potential landmark 3417 Fairmount Boulevard. His opinion was that some of the pieces were of the same period as the house and a few might have been older, but none of them were original to the construction of the house. He said the interior doors with stained glass were very high quality but date from the 1970s. The leaded and beveled glass in the entryway, living room, dining room, and interior sliding doors were exceptionally high quality. He was impressed with the quality of woodwork inside the house and the exterior quality of construction. The Commissioners felt that this would certainly count as a contributing structure to a Landmark District. The quality of materials and construction speak to a well-made home that is typical for the area. The architect has a strong connection to the Jewish community in Cleveland. Mrs. Collier and her mother contributed to the community through their involvement in civic organizations. Bob Gaede and the Cleveland Restoration Soceity were involved in the restoration. For these reasons, the Commission decided to move the potential Landmark to the next step in the designation process, the Planning Commission.

MOTION: Mr. Veider moved to proceed with the Landmark designation process for potential Landmark 3417 Fairmount Boulevard. Seconded by Ms. Lann, the motion was unanimously approved.

Landmark Properties

Ms. Lann found more information regarding the John Hecker House at 3585 Fairmount Boulevard and would like to change some of the Landmarking language. It appears that John Hecker had the house built for one of his children because he never moved out of his original home. Commissioners discussed renaming it the "Hecker Family House" and changing the description to reflect this new information.

Preservation Activities and Lectures

Jessica Robinson of Heights Library has been adding many things to the Ohio Memory website that are searchable. <u>CH-UH Archives group/Cleveland Memory/Cleveland Historical</u> No updates.

<u>National Register of Historic Places, District Updates</u> No updates.

<u>Development Updates</u> No updates.

NEW BUSINESS

<u>Letters to City Council</u> Commissioners edited a draft letter to send to City Council.

<u>Letters to potential landmark homeowners</u> Commissioners edited a draft letter to send to potential Landmark homeowners.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 6:19 p.m. The next regular meeting date will be Tuesday, March 3, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. held virtually via WebEx. [Meeting time and location may be subject to change due to Architectural Board of Review agenda.]

Respectfully submitted,

BreAnna Kirk, Secretary

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Approved,

Mazie Adams, Chair

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